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Rome, May 21. N. S.

THE Marquis of *Massimi* and Signior *Paolucci*, Sergeants-General of Battalia of the Pope's Forces, are gone to their respective Commands at *Bologna* and *Ferrara*, with Orders to take all the necessary Precautions for securing the Frontiers of the Ecclesiastical State. The *Venetian* Ambassador had Audience this week of the Pope, and obtained his leave for the Republick to raise a Subsidy upon the Clergy within their Dominions. The Queen-Dowager of *Poland* went from hence yesterday to *Bracciano*, for the benefit of Air. They write from *Naples*, that the Viceroy of that Kingdom, by Order from the Court of *Spain*, has confiscated and put to sale the Principality of *Fundi*, granted by the late King of *Spain* to Count *Mansfeld*, a General Officer in the Emperor's Service, and Marshal of the Imperial Court.

Milan, May 25. The *French* Train of Artillery, consisting of 12 Pieces of Cannon, with several Wagons laden with Ammunition, arrived here the 20th Instant under a Guard of 400 Foot, and was sent away the same day towards *Mantua*; and 10 Pieces of Cannon, with a good quantity of Ammunition, were sent from hence the 23d to *Cremona*. The Horse in the Service of this State are marched from their Quarters, to Join the Army at *Rivole*. The Duke of *Savoy* having received the 50000 Pistoles which the *French* were to pay him by way of Advance-money, has sent hither the Marquis of *Lambert* and Signior *Ricardone*, to settle Matters in relation to the March of his Forces, which has been hitherto delayed because of the want of Horses to remount his Cavalry, which are ordered to be bought in *Switzerland*. The Inhabitants of this Dutchy cannot forbear expressing on every occasion their Inclination to the House of *Austria*; and there being lately a Report of an Action between the Imperialists and the *French*, and that the latter were worsted, it was observed to give a great deal of Joy to the People here.

From the French *Camp at* Rivole, May 29. *N. S.* The Marshal *de Catinat* made choice of this Place for the Encampment of the *French* Army under his Command, as the most convenient to hinder the Entrance of the Imperial Army into *Italy*, and to the natural strength of its Situation added divers Intrenchments, and whatever else could be done, to secure the Passes. The Imperial Army drew together near *Roveredo*, and Prince *Eugene* of *Savoy*, their General, having observed the Posts the *French* were possessed of, and that the Passage was impracticable on the side of *Rovole* and *La Rocca d'Anfo*, he ordered all his Horse to take the way of *Bassano*, and so to pass behind the Mountains into the Country of *Vicenza*, and all his Foot, except what were left for the Guard of his Magazines at *Tirol*, to pass the Mountains on the side of *Schio* and *Thiene*, where a great number of the Country People, supported by a Party of Musketiers, were employed to make a way; On the 26th the Imperialists began to file off from *Roveredo*, and on the 28th entred into the Plains of *Vicentin*, and by this time it's believed their Artillery and heavy Baggage have passed likewise; Upon this News the 4500 Men posted at *La Rocca d'Anfo* are ordered to return to the *French* Camp, and Orders are sent to the rest of the *French* and *Spanish* Forces that are coming from the *Milaneze* to hasten their March; 2000 Horse are expected to morrow at *Castiglione*, and by the 1st or 2d of the next Month all our Army will be together, except the Forces of *Savoy*, who are not expected in the *Milaneze* till the 15th of this Month. Marshal *de Catinat* intends to leave 17 Battalions at *Rivole* to guard this important Post, and to march with the rest of his Army along the *Adige* to observe the Motion of the *Germans*, and oppose their passing that River.

Brescia, May 29. The *French* had so secured the Passes, that they thought the *Germans* could not have got into *Italy*; But Prince *Eugene* having with much difficulty made a way over the Mountains on the side of *Schio*, is entred with the Imperial Army into the *Vicentin*, which is a very plentiful Country belonging to the *Venetians*; The *Germans* observe a strict Discipline, and pay for every thing they have from the Country People. They march towards the River *Adige*, which they must pass in order to their advancing farther into *Italy*, and the *French* will endeavour to hinder it.

Brisac, May 30. Four *French* Regiments of Horse came yesterday to *Ruftach* to *Burgundy*, and will be followed in few days by 6 Regiments of Foot, and 'tis said they are to encamp between that Place and *New Brisac*; and 4 other *French* Regiments of Horse and 2 of Foot are arrived in the neighbourhood of *Heuningen*.

Cologne, June 7. The Elector of *Cologne*, in his way from *Bon* to *Rhynberg*, came the 2d Instant to *Zons*, (a small Town which was mortgaged to the Chapter of this Place, by the last Elector, for a considerable Sum of Money) with a design to lie there that night; But the Magistrates, who were ordered by the Chapter not to suffer any Soldiers to enter into the Place without particular Directions from them, refused to open their Gates, upon which the Elector ordered his Guards to force the Gates, which they did, and his Electoral Highness entered into the Town with his Guards and Retinue; The next morning the Elector went to the Castle, and the Officer, who kept Guard there for the Chapter, obeyed upon the first Summons, and caused the Gates to be opened. The Elector ordered the Magistrates of the Town, and the Guard of the Castle, consisting only of an Ensign and 12 Soldiers, to be secured, and sent them Prisoners to *Kyserswaert*, and put a Garison of 150 Men into *Zons*. The Ensign and his Soldiers have been since released, but the Magistrates are still under Confinement. The Chapter resent this Proceeding extreamly, and have writ to the Imperial Court and to the Pope about it. The Elector went the 3d to *Rhynberg* and *Keyserswaert*, and is expected back again this day at *Bon*.

Hamburgh, June 7. Mr. *Crasset*, Envoy Extraordinary from the King of *England*, returned hither two days ago from the Courts of the Elector of *Hanover* and the Duke of *Zell*. The Duke of *Holstein Gottorp* came hither yesterday from *Rhynbeck*. Letters from *Stockholm* say, the rest of the *Swedish* Forces which embarked in that Port are sailed for *Livonia*. They write from *Mittaw* of the 27th past, that the *Saxons* have built a Bridge over the *Duna* near *Kockenhausen*, and that their Forces are marching from *Courland* in order to repass that River, and to reinforce the Blockade of *Riga*.

Brussels, June 10. The *French* and *Spanish* Forces have Orders to leave their Quarters by the 20th Instant, and to form several Camps on the Frontiers of *Holland*. About 700 Pioneers, part of the 15000 who are ordered to *Gelderland* from the *French* Conquests, are passed near this Place in their way to *Dieft*, and the rest will follow in few days; The *French* say, they are only designed to work on their Lines, though others think they

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